



- [Handwritten signature]

Atty. Docket No. 449122071100

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being hand delivered to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria, Virginia on the date shown below.

Dated: March 29, 2005      Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*  
(Janice Rosier/ct)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Andreas BAUSEWEIN et al.

Application No.: 10/802,037

Art Unit: Unassigned

Filed: March 17, 2004

Examiner: Unassigned

For: METHOD FOR OPERATING A MEASURING  
PROBE FOR MEASURING A GAS  
CONCENTRATION

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 & 1.98

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b. Copies of the documents are submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

The documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b were cited in a German Office Action mailed on February 23, 2005 (copy attached) directed to a counterpart foreign application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted within three months of the application filing date or before mailing of a first Office Action on the merits; accordingly, no fee or separate requirements are required.

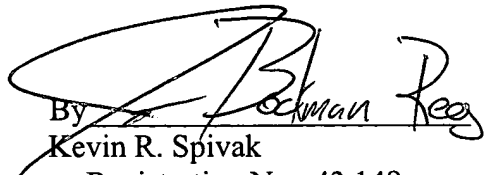
Applicants would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO/SB/08a/b, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

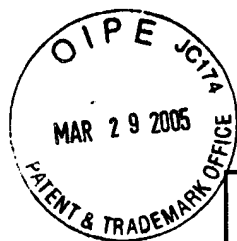
The information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98 is not to be construed as a representation that: (i) a complete search has been made; (ii) additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist; (iii) the information, protocols, results and the like reported by third parties are accurate or enabling; or (iv) the above information constitutes prior art to the subject invention.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal form is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief (such as payment of a fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (p)) is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing **449122071100**.

Dated: March 29, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

  
By Kevin R. Spivak Reg. #45,640  
Registration No.: 43,148  
MORRISON & FOERSTER LLP  
1650 Tysons Blvd, Suite 300  
McLean, Virginia 22102  
(703) 760-7762 - Telephone



ALTERNATIVE TO PTO/SB/08a/b (06-03)

<b>Substitute for form 1449/PTO</b>  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  (Use as many sheets as necessary)				<b>Complete if Known</b>	
				Application Number	10/802,037
				Filing Date	March 17, 2004
				First Named Inventor	Andreas Bausewein
				Art Unit	1753
				Examiner Name	Not yet assigned
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	449122071100

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
	1.	4,707,241	11-17-1987	Nakagawa et al.	
	2.	4,724,814	2-16-1988	Mieno et al.	
	3.	4,777,922	10-18-1988	Mieno et al.	
	4.	6,266,993-B1	7-31-2001	Diehl et al.	
	5.	6,290,829-B1	9-18-2001	Kato et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> -Number <sup>4</sup> -Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
	6.	DE-10049685-A1	4-11-2002	Volkswagen AG	abstract	
	7.	DE-3607400-C2	6-9-1988	Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.	equivalent to U.S. 4,707,241 listed above	
	8.	DE-3710221-C2	7-19-1990	Honda Giken Kogyo	equivalent to U.S. 4,777,922 listed above	
	9.	DE-3710154-A1	10-22-1987	Honda Giken Kogyo	equivalent to U.S. 4,724,814 listed above	
	10.	DE-19845927-A1	4-13-2000	Robert Bosch GmbH	equivalent to U.S. 6,266,993 listed above	

\*EXAMINER: Initial if information considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T <sup>2</sup>

\*EXAMINER: Initial if information considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
-----------------------	--------------------

va-97989